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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTION OF MICROSCOPIC PATHOGENS**

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**LETTER REGARDING CHANGES TO DRAWINGS**

Box Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In an office action dated April 5, 2002, the Examiner objected to the drawing (FIG. 3). The Examiner stated, "The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include the following reference sign(s) mentioned in the description: ref. #33 of fig. 3." A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are

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required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Applicants hereby request that the following changes be made to the drawings:  
Please add reference numeral 33 as shown in red on the enclosed copy of the FIG. 3 and portrayed on the enclosed replacement sheet of FIG. 3 which is enclosed as a Formal Drawing.

Respectfully submitted,

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